

Sec. 895-4. Restrictions on hours of operation, and streets.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for a person to operate a horse-drawn carriage upon any public street in the city between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., or 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., except on Saturdays, Sundays and city holidays.
- (b) The controller shall consult the directors of the city departments of capital asset management and public safety with respect to which public streets would be unsafe or inappropriate for use by horse-drawn carriages. Upon a finding that the operation of a horse-drawn carriage would present a hazard to the public safety on certain city streets or ways or would otherwise jeopardize the public welfare, the controller shall by regulation prohibit the operation of horse-drawn carriages upon those streets.
- (c) The operation of horse-drawn carriages upon any public street and at any time may be prohibited by the director of the city department of public safety when such operation would be inconsistent with other special events or public safety requirements, by giving forty-eight (48) hours' advance written notice of such prohibition.

(G.O. 97, 1999, § 1)

Sec. 895-5. Designation of holding areas.

- (a) The director of the department of public safety, upon consultation with the director of the department of public works, may from time to time designate certain areas of the public right-of-way as holding areas for horse-drawn carriages, and the days and hours when such holding areas may be used exclusively by horse-drawn carriages. Such designations shall be made in consideration of the following:

- (1) Public safety issues, including the flow of pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic;
- (2) The suitability of such areas as places for horse-drawn carriages to pick up or discharge passengers, or to stop or stand when not carrying passengers; and
- (3) The reasonable interests of adjacent residents and businesses.

- (b) The department of public works shall cause appropriate signs to be placed at each end of holding areas designated under this section, indicating the days and hours when such holding areas may be used exclusively by horse-drawn carriages. When such signs are posted, it shall be unlawful for a person to park, stop or leave standing a motor vehicle in such a holding area.

- (c) No more than one (1) carriage owned or operated by the same registrant may stop or stand at the same time in a holding area designated under this section.

(G.O. 97, 1999, § 1; G.O. 15, 2001, § 143)

Sec. 895-6. Qualification of coachmen.

(a) It shall be unlawful for a registrant under this chapter to cause, suffer or allow the operation of a horse-drawn carriage upon any public street in the city by a person, referred to in this chapter as a *coachman*, until the controller first investigates such person's character, and such person first demonstrates to the controller that he or she is:

- (1) Able to speak, read and write the English language;
- (2) The holder of a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by the state;
- (3) Free of defective vision, defective hearing, and any other infirmities that would render the coachman unfit for safe operation of a public vehicle; and
- (4) Free of alcohol or drug addiction.

(b) The controller may require the coachman to demonstrate the ability to drive a horse-drawn carriage and, by test or otherwise, the coachman's knowledge of the requirements of this chapter.

(G.O. 97, 1999, § 1)